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TAGS: SWEL, HA

SUBJECT: PORT-AU-PRINCE FIRE

REF: PAUP 481

1. GOH ESTIMATES THAT IN AN AREA OF 35,000 SQUARE METERS, THE FEB. 27 FIRE DESTROYED 560 HOMES CONTAINING 1,120 HOUSEHOLDS, LEAVING POSSIBLY 5,500 PERSONS HOMELESS. NO DEATH OR INJURY ESTIMATES WERE PROVIDED.

2. PRESIDENT DUVALIER AND HIS MOTHER VISITED THE AFFLICTED AREA DURING THE AFTERNOON OF FEB. 28, AND GAVE SMALL CASH GIFTS ON THE SPOT TO A NUMBER OF VICTIMS. MADAME DUVALIER ALSO DONATED 100 BEDS AND MATTRESSES, AND 19 BOXES OF CLOTHING TO THE RED CROSS FOR THE VICTIMS. THAT SAME DAY THE ARMED FORCES AND RED CROSS PUT UP 80 TENTS IN WHICH ABOUT 350 PERSONS ARE LIVING.

3. DUVALIER ORDERED THE SPECIAL INTERMINISTERIAL COMMITTEE TO USE HIS PERSONAL DONATION OF 100,000 GOURDES (\$20,000) FOR IMMEDIATE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE, AND TO MAINTAIN TEMPORARY HOUSING UNTIL SHORT AND LONG TERM REHABILITATION PROGRAMS ARE DEvised THAT PROVIDE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ADEQUATE PERMANENT HOUSING. DUVALIER ORDERED THE COMMITTEE TO BE PROVIDED WITH 200,000 GOURDES (\$40,000) PER MONTH UNTIL THE PROGRAMS ARE COMPLETED. ISHAM

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